tiful plant resembling in many respects *Conf. gracilis*, Griff., but much more slender, and indeed nearly as soft and fine as an Ectocarpus. This is dedicated to Mrs. Kane, lady of Professor Kane, who was present at its discovery, and who some years ago published an Irish Flora.

Much praise is due to Mr. McCalla for the zeal and ability with which he has explored the west coast, and the creditable manner in which he has edited the present work. His future volumes will, we doubt not, contain an equal number of interesting plants. He proposes, we understand, shortly to visit our northern shores, so famous for the magnificent growth of *Florideæ*, and his second volume will be ornamented with the finest of these. We heartily wish him the success which so praiseworthy an undertaking deserves.

Prodromus Systematis Naturalis Regni Vegetabilis, editore et pro parte auctore Alph. DeCandolle. Vol. ix. Paris, 1845.

We have just received the new volume of this valuable work, which is far too well known to require any praise from us. The orders *Loganaceæ, Gentianeæ, Bignoniaceæ, Cyrtandraceæ, Polemoniaceæ, Convolvulaceæ*, part of *Boragineæ*, and a few lesser orders are included in this volume. A considerable portion is from the pen of the elder DeCandolle, and is illustrated by notes from his son's hand; the remainder consists of the labours of well-known botanists, each upon that order with which he is best acquainted. The additional observations appended to the specific character of each species seem to be rather fuller than in former volumes. It is stated that vol. x. is in the press.

WORKS JUST PUBLISHED.

Descriptions of the Grasses of Britain, illustrated by 210 *Figures drawn and engraved by the author*, Richard Parnell, M.D., F.R.S.E.

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Cornish Fauna, being a Compendium of the Natural History of the County. Part 3: *Zoophytes and Calcareous Corallines*. By R. Q. Couch, M.R.C.S.L.

PROCEEDINGS OF LEARNED SOCIETIES.

LINNÆAN SOCIETY.

June 18, 1844.—The Lord Bishop of Norwich, President, in the Chair.

Read the conclusion of Mr. Griffith's memoir "On the Root-Parasites referred by authors to *Rhizantheæ*, and their Allies."

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